(b) Minimum food requirement of 2700 calories per average Indian adult.

(c) The clothing requirement in terms of per capita expenditure as estimated by NSSO Consumer Expenditure Survey.

(d) The expenditure on fuel, lighting and miscellaneous as per ILC norms and expenditure on children's education, medical requirement etc, as per Supreme Court Judgement should also be determined by the results of Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted by NSSO.

(ii) Periodical review and revision of wage structure be undertaken after every five years coinciding with the quinquennial Household Expenditure Survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organization.

(iii) Regional level committees setup for fixation/revision and implementation of minimum wages should meet frequently and at least once in a year.

(c) The compliance of the notified minimum wages is ensured by the respective Central and State machinery who are also authorized to take legal action in case there are violations or complaints.

ESI Dispensaries in Tamil Nadu

3780. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ESI dispensaries located in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the dispensaries are having obsolete and outdated equipments;

(c) if so, whether it is proposed to make them super speciality hospitals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) There are 188 dispensaries located in Tamil Nadu.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise, in view of (c) above.

(e) Dispensaries are meant for providing primary medical care.

Improvement in functioning of Labour Courts

†3781. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether ten Labour Courts and three Tribunals in Delhi are in a pitiable condition and 20,000 cases are still pending in these Courts;

(b) whether the posts of Presiding Officers in most of these Courts and Tribunals are not being filled due to non-availability of Judges;

(c) whether unsatisfactory service conditions and facilities in these Courts have been the main reasons for capable Judicial Officers not getting attracted towards these courts; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures proposed to be taken for bringing improvement in the functioning of the Labour Courts?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) According to the information furnished by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, there are, presently twelve Labour Courts and three Industrial Tribunate in Delhi for adjudicating Industrial Disputes. As on January, 2005, the total number of pending cases are 24810.

(b) The posts of Presiding Officers in respect of Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have been encadred and officers of Delhi Higher Judicial Services are posted as Presiding Officers of these Courts.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Employment opportunities in Assam

3782. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employment exchanges functioning in Assam at present, District-wise;

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